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November 14, 2003

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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and Cotton Valley
Formation, Reservoir A; BETHANY-LONGSTREET
FIELD, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Weyerhauser 15 No. 1 Well as the unit well for CV RA SULL at the location shown on an attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J, effective March 1, 1974.
2. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Weyerhauser 15 No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for HOSS RA SU11 at the location shown on an attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-3, effective October 7, 1977, and in lieu of the location approved for the Jernigan 15 No. 2 Well by Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-47, effective December 15, 1998.
3. To find that each of the proposed wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the hydrocarbons underlying the unit on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
4. To permit the Operator of these units to produce the allowables assigned to such units from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289, effective October 1, 1954,

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and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-2, effective April 14, 1977. The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J, effective March 1, 1974, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J-1, effective April 14, 1977.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

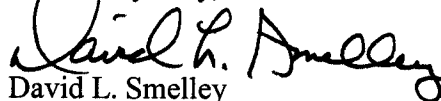
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the two (2) attached plats, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bethany-Longstreet Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley
Attorney for El Paso Production Company

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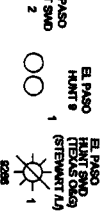
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Deborah Null (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plats only)

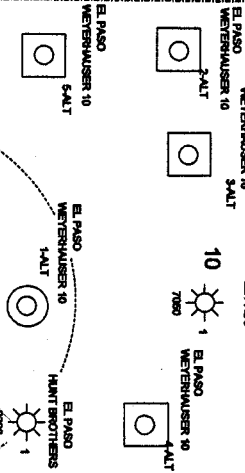
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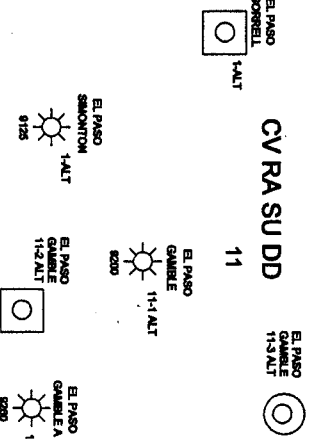
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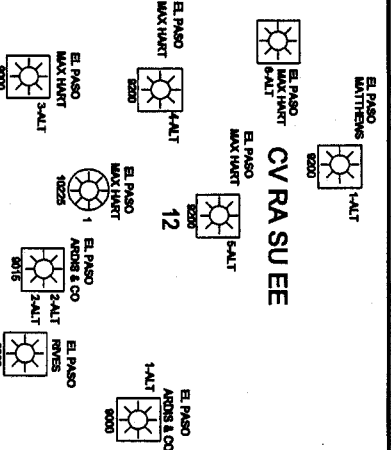
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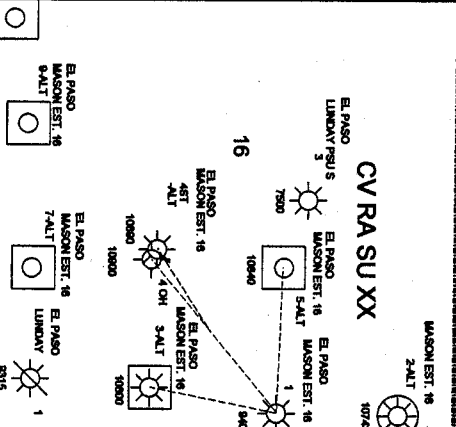
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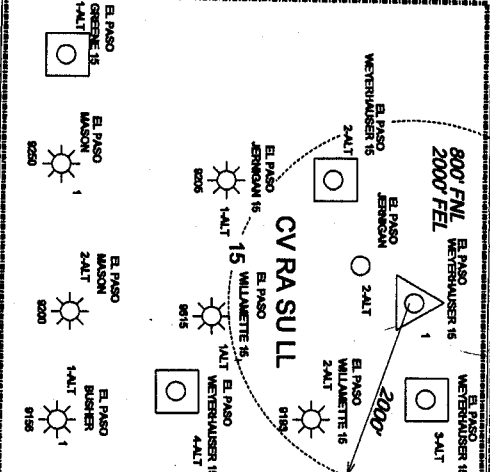
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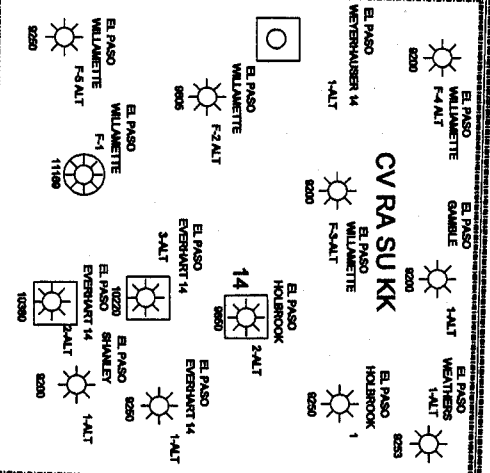
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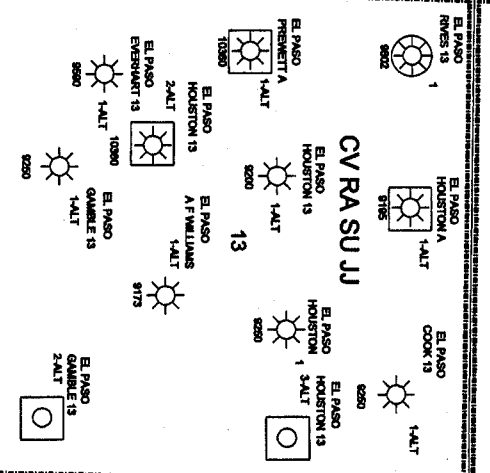
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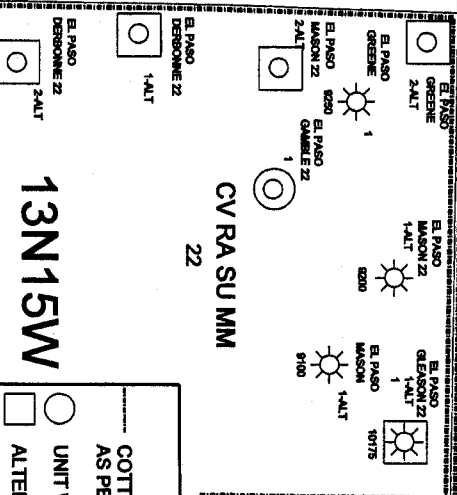
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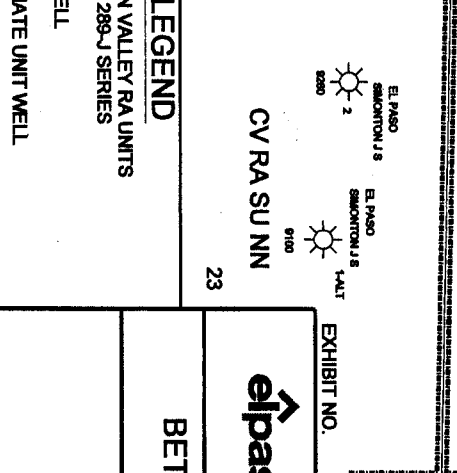
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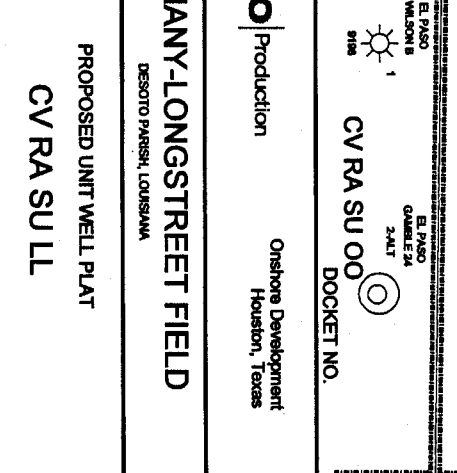
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DOCKET NO.



LEGEND

COTTON VALLEY RA UNITS
AS PER 289-J SERIES

UNIT WELL

ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

PROPOSED UNIT WELL

WELLS 700' OR SHALLOWER
REMOVED FROM BASE

elpaso Production

Onshore Development
Houston, Texas

BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD

DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT WELL PLAT

CV RA SU LL

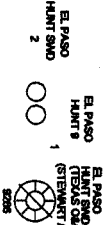


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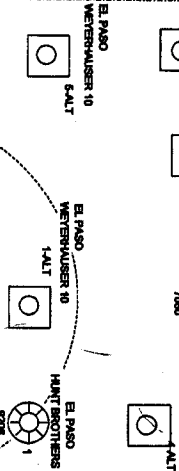
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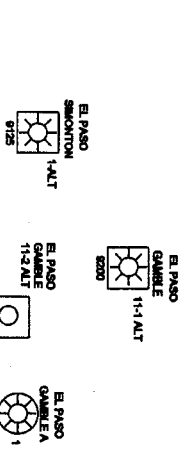
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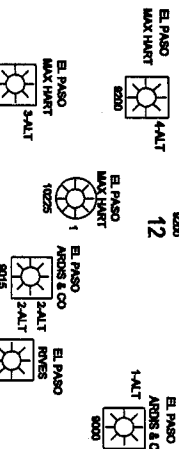
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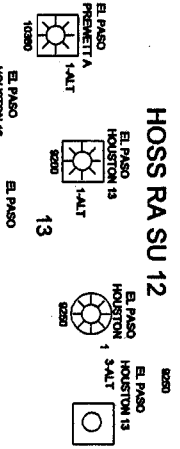
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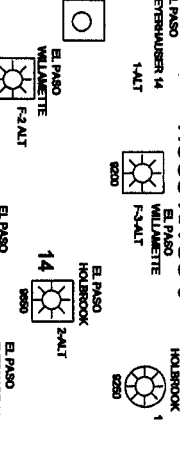
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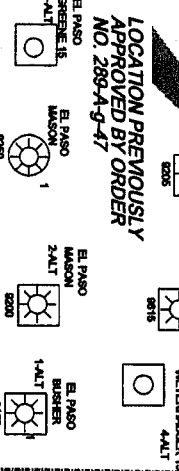
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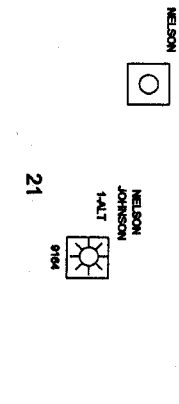
LOCATION PREVIOUSLY
APPROVED BY ORDER
NO. 2894-g-47

800' FNL
2000' FEL

200'

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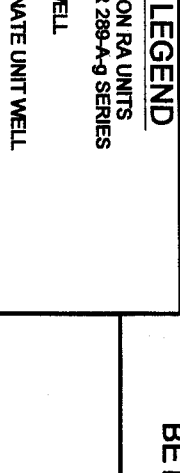
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HOSS RA SU 10

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LEGEND

HOSSON RA UNITS
AS PER 2894-g SERIES

UNIT WELL

ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

WELLS 700' OR SHALLOWER
REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO.



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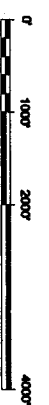
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BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD

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PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT

HOSS RA SU 11



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